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Mr. John Denniston  
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Dear John,

We are sending you and all users the thesaurus for the IS&R system.

This thesaurus provides a compilation of the descriptors (or index terms) stored in the computer and gives cross-references and interrelationships between the various descriptors. This will allow greater precision and greater depth in searching.

The thesaurus represents the development of a third and major tool to make the system more useful.

The first tool that was developed was the Authority List (or alphabetical listing of terms in the system). The second was the Permuted Authority List or KWIC List.

Since there is continuing input into the system, periodic supplements to the thesaurus should be issued to incorporate new terms added to the system. Also, the thesaurus itself should be updated periodically, for several reasons:

- 1) to incorporate the supplemental terms introduced into the system.
- 2) to allow for further cross-referencing and refinements that are developed through experience in using the system and the thesaurus.

A future step can be to incorporate a refined thesaurus into the computer. This would replace much of the manual effort in preparing a search question and would provide greater flexibility in using the system.

The Project Officer will contact you shortly to answer any questions regarding the use of the thesaurus and to arrange for personal "training" sessions, as necessary.

Sincerely,

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